

Appl. No. 10/070,616
Amendment dated August 31, 2004
Reply to Office Action of March 9, 2004

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter their Amendment, to reconsider the non-statutory objection(s), to withdraw all art-based rejections and to allow this application.

Applicants' legal representative and the Examiner discussed claim language pertaining to a difference in temperatures -- e.g., (a glass transition temperature of the core - 20)°C -- in claim 17, among other similarly worded expressions in a telephone conversation held on February 23, 2004. The Examiner had asked for citation to the specification and attention was directed to disclosure in the original specification, such as at page 4 bridging to page 5. The Examiner's courtesy is acknowledged with appreciation.

Claims presented are as follows. Allowable claims 10-13 and 22-25 remain although slight clerical edits have removed un-necessary brackets "[" and "]". Claims 1-9 have been canceled. Claim 21 has been canceled. Claims 33-34 have been canceled. Dependent claims are amended to overcome the objection under Rule 75(c) and MPEP §608.01(n) for multiply multiple dependencies. New claims 35-46 find support in the original specification and are considered free of the art of record.

Any claims rejected over art have been canceled without prejudice and without acquiescing the bases for the rejection. Accordingly, any prior art rejections are now moot.

Applicants respectfully solicit a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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